

2,300 AMERICANS IN FRANCE BY JAN. 1

Such is Number Promised, Declares Premier of France in Newspaper

NO CONFIRMATION HERE

Paris, May 17. Premier Clemenceau's newspaper, L'Homme Libre, says the United States has promised to have 2,300 American fighting men in France by the end of 1918. These troops, it adds, must have their own organization and services, which will mean at least 2,000,000 specialists, workers, men in the quartermaster's department, etc.

London, May 17.—Arrangements are being made on the western front to care for 5,000,000 American troops. Harry E. V. Brittain, secretary of the English branch of the "Fighting Club" in the Royal Colonial Institute, said the Germans do not give in, he added, the number of American troops will be increased to any amount necessary.

Washington, May 17.—Army officials are more than ever hopeful that a powerful American force will be cooperating with the Allies there by the end of the year, as more than 500,000 men are admitted now in France.

Secretary Baker would make no comment on the statement. Many weeks ago he told the Senate Military Committee however, the Government then had hopes of getting 1,500,000 men during the year. Since then, he estimates that 500,000 men would reach France early in the year has been fulfilled and since then also the German drive has changed the whole course of events and brought about a speeding up of American participation which has already shown results.

GERMANS' NEW PLANE CALLED FLYING TANK

Enemy Introduces Armored Steel Flying Machine as New War Tool to Harass the Allied Troops

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With the American Army in France, May 17. GERMAN aviators are training in the use of the "flying tank." This newest weapon of the air is an all-steel plane. Not only is it armored, but its wings are made of steel. It has a speed of fifty miles an hour and carries several six-centimeter (2.36 inch) guns.

Law Against Bribes in Business Urged Federal Trade Board Asks Congress to Strike at Vicious Practice

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BRILLIANTI OPERAZIONI DEI SOLDATI ITALIANI

La Valorosa Fanteria Italiana Penetra Nelle Trincee Austriache

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Roma, 17 maggio. In aggiunta ai movimenti offensivi delle truppe italiane, il ministero della Guerra in Roma ha annunciato che gli italiani hanno compiuto con successo varie incursioni contro le posizioni austriache a Caporetto, riuscendo a catturare alcuni prigionieri, compreso un ufficiale.

La nostra fanteria e distaccamenti da avanguardia penetrano in due punti delle trincee austriache a Monte Asolone, tra i fiumi Brenta e Piave, riuscendo a penetrarvi in due punti.

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Francis Wilson loses Summer Home by Fire Actor and Household Narrowly Escape Death in Blaze That Destroys Valuable Collections

New York, May 17.—The summer home of Francis Wilson, the actor of Little Bohemia, was destroyed by fire early on Wednesday morning and Mr. Wilson, his wife and three servants barely escaped with their lives.

Washington, Pa., May 17.—The Wyoming class of the Reformed Church at its annual convention at Weehawken, N. J., elected Harry E. Brown and W. H. Heller to the presidency.

Washington, May 17.—One of the Dutch vessels recently requisitioned by the United States Government at the outbreak of the war, was sunk in a collision at sea May 13. All on board were rescued.

Washington, May 17.—Among those who were qualified for appointment as second lieutenants at the third officers' training camp at Camp Lee, Va., are: W. H. Brown, Robert M. Lindsey, Arthur G. Lewis, and others.

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GERMANS WOULD TAKE ALL IN PEACE TERMS

Minimum Conditions in Document Leave Nothing for Teutons to Desire

With the French Army in France, May 17. A document found in a German trench recently recaptured by the Allies states Germany's conditions of peace.

Washington, May 17.—Opposition to the Administration ore control bill was expressed at the hearings before the Senate Mines Committee by D. G. Kerr, vice president of the United States Steel Corporation.

Pittsburgh, May 17.—Construction of the \$70,000,000 ordnance plant for the Government by the United States Steel Corporation on Neville Island near the Ohio River, near Pittsburgh, has been begun.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP SUNK

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